Lingala

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1 Language Information

- Source: Meeuwis (1998)

- Glottlog: http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ling1263

- ISO-identifier: lin

- Speakers:

- Location: Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo

- Geneology: Atlantic-Congo > Volta-Congo > Benue-Congo > Bantoid > Southern Bantoid > Narrow Bantu > Central-Western Bantu > Greater Bangi-Ntomba > Ngiri > Ngiri Riverian > Ngiri Riverian Ubangi > Ngiri Riverian Ubangi-Ripuaire > Bobangic > Bobangic Riverian > Bobangi-Bangala-Lingala > Lingala-Bangala > Lingala

2 Verbal Morphology

The Lingala verb has different forms for singular and for plural. Moreover, there are distinct prefixes for animate subjects and for inanimate subject (but only in 3SG/PL).

3 Conjunction

The unbound morpheme *na* functions as the coordination conjunction 'and'.

(1) Ngáí na   Kodi tokeí   na ndáko
    1SG   and Kodi 1PL-go-PRES to house
    'I and Kodi have gone home.' [Meeuwis, 1998, p. 41]

4 Disjunction

No given information.

5 Prepositions

The morpheme *na* expresses some of the basic prepositions 'in', 'at', 'on', 'from', 'with', and 'to'. The other prepositions can be conveyed through nouns followed by a connective.

References

Meeuwis, Michael (1998). *Lingala*. München: Lincom Europa.